

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, this listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the present application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~switching between video signals in~~ controlling an image switching apparatus (1), ~~which has the image switching apparatus having~~ a switch (3) for switching between a video signal supplied by a camera (12, 30) and a video signal supplied by a recording apparatus (16, 33), and a circuit (2) for processing the video signal coming from the recording apparatus (16, 33), ~~characterized in that, the method comprising:~~
comparing, using the processing circuit (2) compares, the video signal coming from the recording apparatus (16, 33) with the video signal supplied by the camera (12, 30); and
then sets setting the switch into an operating mode selected on the basis of the comparison result.
2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the time difference between the two video signals is determined in said comparison.
3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein synchronous pulses within the two video signals are compared.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that~~ A method of controlling an image switching apparatus, the image switching apparatus having a switch for switching between a video signal supplied by a camera and a video signal supplied by a recording apparatus, and a circuit for processing the video signal coming from the recording apparatus, the method comprising:
comparing, using the processing circuit, the video signal coming from the recording apparatus with the video signal supplied by the camera, wherein the image contents are compared; and
setting the switch into an operating mode selected on the basis of the comparison.

5. (Currently Amended) An image switching apparatus (1) with a switch (3) for switching between a video signal supplied by a camera (12, 30) and a video signal supplied by a recording apparatus (16, 33), and a circuit (2) for processing the video signal coming from the recording apparatus (16, 33), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the processing circuit (2) compares the signal output from the camera (12, 30) with the video signal supplied by the recording apparatus (16, 33) and forces the switch (3) of the image switching apparatus (1) into the replay mode if the signals are different.

6. (New) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the selected operating mode is chosen if the video signal supplied by the recording apparatus is different from the video signal supplied by the camera.